

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraphs of the specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph starting on line 14 with the following paragraph:

It has become very important for service providers to be able to provide high speed wireless services to their customers. A high speed wireless communication system is disclosed in ~~pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/963,386 6,574,211, (the '386 application '211 patent), filed November 3, 1997 issued June 3, 2003~~, entitled, "Method and Apparatus For Higher Rate Packet Data Transmission," which is assigned to the assignee of the present invention and incorporated by reference herein. In the ~~'386 application '211 patent~~, the base station transmits to subscriber stations by sending frames that include a pilot burst time multiplexed in to the frame and transmitted at a rate based on channel information transmitted from the subscriber station to the base station. This system is optimized for the wireless transmission of digital data.

On page 5, please replace the paragraph starting on line 31 with the following paragraph:

In the exemplary embodiment of the communication system described in the aforementioned U.S. Patent ~~Application Serial No. 08/963,386 6,574,211~~, the high speed forward link traffic data is transmitted from only one base station. That is to say, the forward link traffic is not provided in soft handoff. This is a desirable constraint from the perspective of overall system capacity, because the redundant transmission required for soft handoff greatly impairs overall system capacity. In the exemplary embodiment, the subscriber station measures the signal energy of signals received from each of the base stations in the Active Set of the subscriber station and sends a data request control (DRC) signal indicating which base station is transmitting the strongest received signal. In addition, the DRC signal indicates a data rate which the subscriber station selects based on strength of the received signal from the selected base station.

On page 8, please replace the paragraph starting on line 27 with the following paragraph:

In the exemplary embodiment of the communication system described in the aforementioned U.S. Patent ~~Application Serial No. 08/963,386 6,574,211~~, the high speed traffic data is transmitted from only one base station. That is to say, the forward link traffic is not provided in soft handoff. This is a desirable constraint from the perspective of overall system

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